

May 20, 2019

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Post Office Drawer 11649
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Establishment of Net Energy Metering Tariff for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC in
Compliance with H. 3659
Docket Number: 2019-____-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC” or the “Company”) submits for filing the enclosed Net Energy Metering tariff in order to provide net energy metering (“NEM”) to DEC customers in accordance with H. 3659.

As explained in the Joint Petition to Amend Distributed Energy Resource Program to Extend Net Metering Program (“Joint Petition”) filed on September 5, 2018, DEC reached the two percent NEM threshold set forth in Act 236 in July 2018. By the Commission’s approval of the Joint Petition in Order No. 2018-633, NEM in DEC was extended until March 15, 2019. Since that time, DEC has not offered NEM to new participants.

On May 16, 2019, the Governor signed into law H. 3659, which amends S.C. Code Ann. § 58-40-20(B), to provide the following:

An electrical utility shall make net energy metering available to all customer-generators who apply before June 1, 2021, according to the terms and conditions provided to all parties in Commission Order No. 2015-194. Customer-generators who apply for net metering after the effective date of this act but before June 1, 2021, including subsequent owners of the customer-generator facility or premises, may continue net energy metering service as provided for in Commission Order No. 2015-194 until May 31, 2029.

Given the expiration of the March 15, 2019 extension period for NEM, the Company does not currently have an approved tariff in place that would apply to customers requesting NEM beginning May 16, 2019, the effective date of the new law. While H. 3659 requires electrical utilities to make NEM available to customers beginning May 16, 2019, the Company does not believe it can offer NEM without an approved tariff in place. Accordingly, DEC is filing herewith its Renewable Net Metering Rider, with a requested effective date of May 16, 2019, the date on

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which H. 3659 requires DEC to offer NEM. The tariff is substantially similar to the previously-effective Renewable Net Metering Rider, with changes merely to align the tariff with S.C. Code Ann. § 58-40-20(B) and § 58-40-10(C), as amended. For ease of reference, DEC is also filing a redlined version of the tariff that shows changes made from the most recently-effective net metering tariff.

The Company is administratively processing new net metering requests received on and after May 16, 2019, but it does not believe it can provide net metering service to new NEM customers absent an approved tariff. For that reason, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission consider this request expeditiously and approve the proposed tariff as soon as practicable.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require any further information.

Sincerely,



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